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Record of Decision

The following are the wilderness recommendations for 109 wilderness study areas (WSAs) in the State of Nevada and Lassen County, California.[1] These recommendations are the culmination of the Bureau of Land Management's wilderness study process. The wilderness studies considered each area's resource values, present and projected future uses of the area, public input, the manageability of the areas as wilderness, the environmental consequences of designating or not designating the areas, and mineral surveys prepared by the U.S. Geologic Survey and Bureau of Mines. Based on my review of those studies, I have concluded that 1,924,984 acres in 54 areas should be designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and that 3,243,146 acres in 103 areas should be released for uses other than wilderness. The acreage recommendation for each WSA is listed below.[2] A detailed discussion of the recommendations is included in the attached wilderness study report and the recommendations are depicted on maps included in that report. Seventeen environmental impact statements and eight Instant Study Area reports covering all 111 areas accompany this decision.

WSA Name	Study	WSA Number	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Bluebell	Wells	NV-010-027	0	55,665
Goshute Peak	Wells	NV-010-033	61,004	8,766
South Pequop	Wells	NV-010-035	34,544	6,546
Bad Lands	Wells	NV-010-184	8,415	1,011
Cedar Ridge	Elko	NV-010-088	0	10,009
Red Spring	Elko	NV-010-091	0	7,847
Little Humboldt	Elko	NV-010-132	29,775	12,438
Rough Hills	Elko	NV-010-151	6,685	0
S. Fork Owyhee River	Owyhee Canyon	NV-010-103A	5,180	2,662[3]
Owyhee Canyon	Owyhee Canyon	NV-010-106	13,525	8,350
High Rock Lake	Winnemucca	NV-020-007	14,000	47,902
Poodle Mountain	Winnemucca	NV-020-012	0	142,050
Fox Range	Winnemucca	NV-020-014	0	75,404
Pole Creek	Winnemucca	NV-020-014A	0	12,969
Calico Mountains	Winnemucca	NV-020-019	0	67,647
Selenite Mountains	Winnemucca	NV-020-200	0	32,041
Mount Limbo	Winnemucca	NV-020-201	12,750	11,002
China Mountain	Winnemucca	NV-020-406P	0	10,358
Tobin Range	Winnemucca	NV-020-406Q	0	13,107
Blue Lakes	Winnemucca	NV-020-600	16,400	4,108
Alder Creek	Winnemucca	NV-020-600D	0	5,142
South Jackson Mountains	Winnemucca	NV-020-603	10,300	49,911
North Jackson Mountains	Winnemucca	NV-020-606	0	26,457
Black Rock Desert	Winnemucca	NV-020-620	219,300	100,294
Pahute Peak	Winnemucca	NV-020-621	0	57,529
N. Black Rock Range	Winnemucca	NV-020-622	0	30,191
North Fork of the Little Humboldt	Winnemucca	NV-020-827	8,900	60,783
Augusta Mountains	Winnemucca	NV-030-108	0	89,372

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[1]Two additional WSAs with minor acreages in Nevada were included in the California BLM Wilderness Report.

[2]Variations between acreages listed in table and acreages in EISs are due to corrected errors, map updating, new minerals information and management decisions.

[3]Adjoining WSA acres in Idaho (42,745) will be included in Idaho Statewide report.

WSA Name	Study	WSA Number	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Pueblo Mtns.	OR Statewide	NV-020-642	600	0[4]
Disaster Peak	OR Statewide	NV-020-859	12,103	1,097[5]
Clan Alpine Mountains	Lahontan	NV-030-102	68,458	127,670
Stillwater Range	Lahontan	NV-030-104	0	94,607
Desatoya Mountains	Lahontan	NV-030-110	43,180	8,222
Job Peak	Lahontan	NV-030-127	0	90,209
Gabbs Valley Range	Walker	NV-030-407	0	79,600
Burbank Canyons	Walker	NV-030-525A	0	13,395
Goshute Canyon	Egan	NV-040-015	22,225	13,369
Park Range	Egan	NV-040-154	47,268	0
Riordan's Well	Egan	NV-040-166	0	57,002
South Egan Range	Egan	NV-040-168	0	96,916
Mount Grafton	Schell	NV-040-169	30,115	43,101
Far South Egans	Schell	NV-040-172	42,316	10,908
Fortification Range	Schell	NV-040-177	0	41,615
Table Mountain	Schell	NV-040-197	0	35,958
White Rock Range	Schell	NV-040-202	20,245	0[6]
Parsnip Peak	Schell	NV-040-206	53,560	34,615
Worthington Mountains	Schell	NV-040-242	26,587	21,046
Weepah Spring	Schell	NV-040-246	50,499	10,638
South Pahroc Range	Caliente	NV-050-132	28,395	205
Clover Mountains	Caliente	NV-050-139	84,875	60
Meadow Valley Range	Caliente	NV-050-156	97,180	88,564
Mormon Mountains	Caliente	NV-050-161	123,130	39,757
Delamar Mountains	Caliente	NV-050-177	0	126,257
Tunnel Spring	Utah Statewide	NV-050-166	2,180	3,220[7]
Arrow Canyon Range	Clark	NV-050-215	0	32,853
Muddy Mountains	Clark	NV-050-229	36,850	59,320
Mount Stirling	Clark	NV-050-401	50,682	19,050[8]
LaMadre Mountains	Clark	NV-050-412	42,005	19,625[9]
Pine Creek	Clark	NV-050-414	22,966	2,357[10]
N. McCullough Mountains	Clark	NV-050-425	0	47,166
S. McCullough Mountains	Clark	NV-050-435	19,558	37,065

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[4]Adjoining WSA acres in Oregon (72,090) will be included in Oregon Statewide report.

[5]Adjoining WSA acres in Oregon (18,840) will be included in Oregon Statewide report.

[6]Adjoining WSA acres in Utah (3,820) will be included in Utah Statewide report.

[7]Adjoining WSA acres in Utah (10,568) will be included in Utah Statewide report.

[8]Portions of WSA transferred to Forest Service administration by Public Law 100-550. See individual WSAs for acreage split between BLM and Forest Service.

[9]See footnote 8.

[10]See footnote 8.

WSA Name	Study	WSA Number	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Marble Canyon	NV Contiguous	NV-040-086	1,865[11]	10,850
Fish & Wildlife #1	NV Contiguous	NV-050-201	0	11,090
Fish & Wildlife #2	NV Contiguous	NV-050-216	0	17,242
Fish & Wildlife #3	NV Contiguous	NV-050-217	0	22,002
Lime Canyon	NV Contiguous	NV-050-231	13,895	20,785
Million Hills	NV Contiguous	NV-050-233	0	21,296
Garrett Buttes	NV Contiguous	NV-050-235	0	11,835
Jumbo Springs (202)	NV Contiguous	NV-050-236	0	3,466
Quail Springs	NV Contiguous	NV-050-411	0	12,145
El Dorado	NV Contiguous	NV-050-423	0	12,290
IrAteba Peaks	NV Contiguous	NV-050-438	0	14,994
Evergreen (202)	NV Contiguous	NV-050-IR-16 A,B,C	0	2,694
Nellis (202)	NV Contiguous	NV-050-4R-15 A,B,C	0	5,718
Lahontan ISA	NV Contiguous	NV ISA-001	0	12,316
Kawich	Tonopah	NV-060-019	0	54,320
Rawhide Mountain	Tonopah	NV-060-059	0	64,360
South Reveille	Tonopah	NV-060-112	33,000	73,200
Palisade Mesa	Tonopah	NV-060-142/162	66,110	33,440
Blue Eagle	Tonopah	NV-060-158/199	0	59,560
The Wall	Tonopah	NV-060-163	30,320	7,680
Fandango	Tonopah	NV-060-190	31,740	9,200[12]
Morey Peak	Tonopah	NV-060-191	13,950	6,170[13]
Resting Springs	Esmeralda-S. Nye	NV-050-460	0	3,850
Silver Peak Range	Esmeralda-S. Nye	NV-060-338	17,850	17,234
Pigeon Spring	Esmeralda-S. Nye	NV-060-350	0	3,575
Queer Mountain	Esmeralda-S. Nye	NV-060-354	42,650	38,900
Grapevine Mountains	Esmeralda-S. Nye	NV-060-355	23,150	43,650
Antelope Range	Shoshone-Eureka	NV-060-231/241	80,320	7,580[14]
Simpson Park	Shoshone-Eureka	NV-060-428	0	49,670
Roberts Mountain	Shoshone-Eureka	NV-060-541	15,090	0

[11]Public Law 100-130, The Nevada Wilderness Act of 1989, which primarily concerned Forest Service wilderness areas also designated 6,435 acres of the Marble Canyon WSA as a part of the Mount Moriah Wilderness Area. The recommendation has been reduced by this amount and now reflects only the area BLM is recommending for wilderness in addition to the already designated acres. The final wilderness boundary will be identical to that proposed in the Nevada Contiguous Lands Wilderness EIS.

[12]See footnote 8.

[13]See footnote 8.

[14]See footnote 8.

WSA Name	State	USA Name	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Mules Canyon	NV Contiguous	NV-060-047	1,360[1]	13,260
Fish & Wildlife #1	NV Contiguous	NV-060-071	0	11,260
Fish & Wildlife #2	NV Contiguous	NV-060-018	0	17,240
Fish & Wildlife #3	NV Contiguous	NV-060-077	0	22,020
Lone Canyon	NV Contiguous	NV-060-081	11,880	23,760
Million Hills	NV Contiguous	NV-060-023	0	21,260
Garvin Butte	NV Contiguous	NV-060-084	0	11,820
Jumbo Springs (060)	NV Contiguous	NV-060-038	0	4,000
Quail Springs	NV Contiguous	NV-060-017	0	12,140
El Dorado	NV Contiguous	NV-060-083	0	12,220
Alkali Flats	NV Contiguous	NV-060-085	0	14,320
Evergreen (060)	NV Contiguous	NV-060-15 A,B,C	0	2,100
Hills (060)	NV Contiguous	NV-060-15 A,B,C	0	2,110
Lucerne 15A	NV Contiguous	NV-15-001	0	15,310
Ely 4	Tonopah	NV-020-013	0	6,260
Pancake Mountain	Tonopah	NV-020-024	0	8,320
South Pancake	Tonopah	NV-020-012	20,000	20,320
Pancake Media	Tonopah	NV-020-120/144	32,110	32,310
Bear Canyon	Tonopah	NV-020-104/105	0	2,320
The Wash	Tonopah	NV-020-183	20,320	7,000
Kawich	Tonopah	NV-020-130	21,740	4,370
Kawich Peak	Tonopah	NV-020-131	15,020	2,170
Kawich Canyon	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-001	0	2,000
Kawich Peak Group	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-128	17,320	7,320
Freedom Stocks	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-129	0	3,000
Golden Mountain	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-124	0	32,320
Stonewall Flat	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-121/127	10,320	7,000[1]
Stonewall Flat	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-121	0	46,000
Bristol Wash	Ely-Las Vegas-S. Nye	NV-020-047	15,340	0

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[1] Public Law 100-555, The Nevada Wilderness Act of 1988, which primarily designated Forest Service wilderness areas, also designated 5,450 acres of the Mules Canyon WSA as a part of the Moapa Valley Wilderness Area. The recent reduction has been required by the amount and now reflects only the area BLM is recommending for wilderness in addition to the already designated acres. The total acreage originally was 32 because to that proposed in the Nevada Contiguous Lands Wilderness EIS.

[2] See footnote 8.

[3] See footnote 8.

[4] See footnote 8.

WSA Name	Study	WSA Number	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Dry Valley Rim	Eagle Lake	CA-020-615	52,395	41,913[15]
Buffalo Hills	Eagle Lake	CA-020-619	0	46,143[16]
Twin Peaks	Eagle Lake	CA-020-619A	54,916	35,875[17]
Wall Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-805	0	46,305
Little High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-913	17,183	33,768
Yellow Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-913A	0	12,468
High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-913B	12,000	22,758
E Fork High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-914	29,102	23,537
Sheldon Contiguous	Eagle Lake	CA-020-1012	748	22,952
Massacre Rim	Eagle Lake	CA-020-1013	22,465	78,825
Shoshone Pygmy Sage Natural Area Report			0	160[18]
Shoshone Ponds Natural Area Report			0	1,240
Heusser Mountain Bristlecone Pine Natural Area Report			0	480
Swamp Cedar Natural Area Report			0	3,200
Sunrise Mountain Natural Area Report			0	10,240
Virgin Mountain Natural Area Report			0	6,560
Mountain Meadow Natural Area Report			0	22
Pinyon Joshua Research Natural Area			0	560
		Statewide Totals	1,924,984	3,243,146[19]

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[15] 18,131 WSA acres in California included in this ROD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[16] 856 WSA acres in California included in this ROD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[17] 25,677 WSA acres in California included in this ROD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[18] Eleven Natural Areas existing at the passage of FLPMA became "Instant" WSAs as per the wilderness review of existing natural areas requirement contained in Section 603(a). Eight "ISAs" were studied in individual reports the results of which were forwarded to Congress in 1985. One ISA, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Natural Area, not reported to Congress in 1985 was included in the Nevada Contiguous Lands Wilderness EIS. Two natural areas, Pine Creek and Goshute Canyon, were included in larger WSAs of the same name and analyzed in the Clark County and Egan Wilderness EISs. Inclusion of the ISAs in this Record of Decision and the Draft Nevada BLM Wilderness Legislation followed by final Congressional wilderness decisions will complete the wilderness review process for these areas also.

[19] Totals include California portions of three WSAs primarily in Nevada and do not include Nevada portions of two WSAs primarily in California and reported in the California BLM Wilderness Report.

WSA Name	State	WSA Number	Acres Recommended for Wilderness	Acres Recommended for Nonwilderness
Dry Valley Fen	Eagle Lake	CA-020-614	52,364	41,913[1]
Buffalo Hills	Eagle Lake	CA-020-615	0	44,143[2]
Twin Peaks	Eagle Lake	CA-020-616A	54,318	38,875[3]
Wall Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-605	0	46,302
Little High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-613	17,185	23,752
Yellow Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-614A	0	12,468
High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-615B	12,000	32,729
E Fork High Rock Canyon	Eagle Lake	CA-020-616	20,166	20,027
Shaddon Contiguous	Eagle Lake	CA-020-1012	143	22,375
Massacre Rim	Eagle Lake	CA-020-1013	22,465	78,605
Knapdale Pygmy Sage Natural Area Region			0	160[4]
Smoke Creek Dunes Natural Area Region			0	1,240
Hobson Mountain Bristlecone Pine Mesas Area Region			0	420
Swamp Cedar Natural Area Region			0	2,320
Sierra Nevada Natural Area Region			0	10,240
High Mountain Natural Area Region			0	6,240
Mountain Meadow Natural Area Region			0	32
Fragon Juniper Research Natural Area			0	240
		Subtotal	1,324,304	3,244,140[5]

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[1] 48,191 WSA acres in California included in this RDD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[2] 389 WSA acres in California included in this RDD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[3] 25,877 WSA acres in California included in this RDD and Nevada BLM Draft Wilderness Legislation.

[4] Eleven Mineral Areas existing at the passage of FLPMA became "islands" WSAs as per the wilderness review of existing mineral areas requirement contained in Section 603(a). Eight "ISAs" were studied in such detail means the results of which were forwarded to Congress in 1993. One ISA, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Mineral Area, not reported to Congress in 1993 was included in the Nevada Contiguous Lands Wilderness Bill. Two mineral areas, Pine Creek and Bristlecone Canyon, were included in lower WSAs of the same name and analyzed in the Clark County and Egan Wilderness RDD. Inclusion of the ISAs in the Revised of Decision and the Draft Nevada BLM Wilderness Legislation following by final Congressional wilderness decisions will complete the wilderness review process for these areas also.

[5] Totals include California portions of these WSAs primarily in Nevada and do not include Nevada portions of two WSAs primarily in California and reported in the California BLM Wilderness Report.

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